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December 21, 2017 - The Innocence Project and the Brooklyn District Attorney's office together sought and achieved justice this week for Mark Denny, a New York City man who spent nearly 30 years behind bars for rape and robbery. He was set free after prosecutors asked to vacate his conviction because he had been falsely identified. Cardozo's [Immigration Justice Clinic \(https://cardozo.yu.edu/clinics-professional-skills/clinics/kathryn-o-greenberg-immigration-justice-clinic\)](https://cardozo.yu.edu/clinics-professional-skills/clinics/kathryn-o-greenberg-immigration-justice-clinic) is also playing a key role in helping Denny with another legal issue, working to prevent Denny from being deported on the basis of invalid, now-vacated convictions. A deportation order was placed on him while he was in prison.

Denny came to the U.S. from Guyana as a child.

Denny was convicted in 1989 after three men broke into a closed Burger King, assaulted an 18-year-old worker and robbed the store of \$3,000. The victim at first did not identify him but later picked him

out of a lineup.

Denny was exonerated with the help of the Innocence Project, which had been working on his case since 2009.

Read the article about Denny's release on the [Innocence Project website \(https://www.innocenceproject.org/brooklyn-man-exonerated-after-nearly-three-decades-in-prison-declared-actually-innocent-by-district-attorney-offices-conviction-review-unit/\)](https://www.innocenceproject.org/brooklyn-man-exonerated-after-nearly-three-decades-in-prison-declared-actually-innocent-by-district-attorney-offices-conviction-review-unit/).

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